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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2165

**Introduced by Assembly ~~Members~~ *Member Strom-Martin and*
*Matthews***

February 20, 2002

An act to amend Section 4200 of, *and to add Section 4200.2 to*, the Business and Professions Code, relating to pharmacy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2165, as amended, Strom-Martin. Pharmacy: licensure.

Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacies, pharmacists, and other associated persons and entities by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Existing law requires the board to license a pharmacist who meets certain requirements, including passing a written examination given by the board.

This bill would change the requirements for issuance of a pharmacy license by the board, including that an applicant pass the board's written examination ~~before December 31, 2002, or pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for California on or after January 1, 2003.~~ The bill would require an applicant to pass a written examination

~~sufficient to demonstrate certain skills that evaluates standards of competence and practice for pharmacists in California.~~ The bill would require a candidate licensed in another state to be licensed in good standing in the other state. ~~The bill would require the board to conduct an occupation analysis every 5 years to determine if the examination evaluates the skills required for the practice of pharmacy.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4200 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 4200. (a) The board shall license as a pharmacist, and issue
4 a certificate to, any applicant who meets all the following
5 requirements:
6 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.
7 (2) (A) Has graduated from a college of pharmacy or
8 department of pharmacy of a university recognized by the board;
9 or
10 (B) If the applicant graduated from a foreign pharmacy school,
11 the applicant has received a grade satisfactory to the board on an
12 examination designed to measure the equivalency of foreign
13 pharmacy education with that required of domestic graduates.
14 (3) Has completed at least 150 semester units of collegiate
15 study in the United States, or the equivalent thereof in a foreign
16 country. No less than 90 of those semester units shall have been
17 completed while in resident attendance at a school or college of
18 pharmacy.
19 (4) Has earned at least a baccalaureate degree in a course of
20 study devoted to the practice of pharmacy.
21 (5) Has had 1,500 hours of pharmaceutical experience in
22 accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
23 (A) "Pharmaceutical experience," constitutes service and
24 experience in a pharmacy under the personal supervision of a
25 pharmacist, and consists of service and experience predominantly
26 related to the selling of drugs, compounding physician's
27 prescriptions, preparing pharmaceutical preparations, and keeping
28 records and making reports required under state and federal
29 statutes.

(B) To be credited to the total number of hours required by this subdivision, this experience shall have been obtained in pharmacies and under conditions set forth by rule or regulation of the board.

~~(6) Has passed a written and practical examination given by the board prior to December 31, 2002, or has passed the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination on or after January 1, 2003.~~

~~(7) Has passed the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for California on or after January 1, 2003.~~

~~(8) Has passed a written examination of contemporary standards of practice for pharmacists in California sufficient to demonstrate skills including, but not limited to, a proficiency in oral and written communication, the provision of pharmacist care, and the application of clinical knowledge to typical pharmacy practice situations.~~

~~(9) an examination reviewed and approved by the board that evaluates minimum standards of pharmacist competence and contemporary standards of practice for pharmacists in California, that shall include, but not be limited to, the provision of pharmacist care and the application of clinical knowledge to typical pharmacy practice situations.~~

(7) If licensed as a pharmacist in another state, the candidate shall be licensed in good standing in that state.

(b) Proof of the qualifications of any applicant for licensure as a pharmacist, shall be made to the satisfaction of the board and shall be substantiated by affidavits or other evidence as may be required by the board.

(c) Each person, upon application for licensure as a pharmacist under this chapter, shall pay to the executive officer of the board, the fees provided by this chapter, which fees shall be compensation to the board for investigation or examination of the applicant.

SEC. 2. Section 4200.2 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4200.2. (a) The board shall conduct an occupation analysis every five years to determine whether the current examination approved by the board evaluates the skills required for the practice of pharmacy in California.

- 1 *(b) Prior to adopting the use of an examination, an independent*
- 2 *psychometric analysis of the examination shall be completed and*
- 3 *presented to the board for review.*

